

# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Russell Vale Colliery Licensed Discharge

**08 June 2016**

Illawarra Residents for Responsible Mining (IRRM) have made allegations on social media regarding an alleged coal discharge event from Russell Vale Colliery emanating from the recent East Coast Low.

Russell Vale Colliery has constructed an approved site water management system that safely manages a 1 in 100 year flood event. This system is regulated and reviewed annually by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NSW Department of Planning as part of the site's Environmental Protection License.

During the recent extreme rain event where 370mm of rain fell over a 3 day period, all water treatment facilities performed as designed at the Russell Vale site. NSW Government Officers have subsequently inspected these facilities post this extreme rainfall event.

Any water discharged from the site water management system under a high flow event contains natural materials only and meets the EPA discharge requirements for the site.

Any further enquiries can be directed to [community@wcl.net.au](mailto:community@wcl.net.au) or our Community Contact Line 1300 109 384